

Amendments to the Specification

IN THE TITLE

Please change USPTO records to indicate that the title to be used in this application is ---POLYURETHANE ELASTIC FIBER NONWOVEN FABRIC AND ITS PRODUCTION AND SYNTHETIC LEATHER USING THE SAME---, which title coincides with the title appearing in the English translation of the specification.

IN THE ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

Attached hereto is a replacement Abstract.

IN THE WRITTEN DESCRIPTION

Please replace the TECHNICAL FIELD section with the marked-up copy of the section enclosed herewith.

Please replace the BACKGROUND ART section with the marked-up copy of the section enclosed herewith.

Please replace the DISCLOSURE OF THE INVENTION section with the marked-up copy of the section enclosed herewith.

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 18, line 6, with the following rewritten paragraph:

The thermoplastic polyurethane used in Example 1 was dehydrated and dried in a nitrogen atmosphere at a drying temperature of 100°C for four hours using the same hopper dryer as in Example 1, thereby ~~to reduce~~reducing the moisture content to 150 ppm, and then a polyurethane elastic fiber nonwoven fabric having a basis weight of 180 g/m² was produced under the same conditions as in Example 1. The depositing point temperature on the conveyor net was 80°C, and a difference between the Vicat softening temperature of the polymer and the depositing point temperature was 40°C.

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 34, line 7, with the following rewritten paragraph:

With respect to the synthetic leathers of the respective Examples and Comparative Examples described above, the basis weight, the tensile strength, the tensile elongation, the tear strength, and the recovery at 50% elongation were measured. The results are shown in Table 4. The thickness and basis weight of the synthetic leather, the basis weight of the synthetic leather, the tensile strength and the tensile elongation of the synthetic leather, the recovery at 50% elongation of the synthetic leather, and the tear strength of the synthetic leather were measured by the methods described in JIS K 6505, JIS K 6550, the same standard as in the case of the nonwoven fabric, and JIS K 6550, respectively.

Please replace the INDUSTRIAL APPLICABILITY section with the marked-up copy of the section enclosed herewith.